

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

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20. (Currently Amended) A brick tie for being interconnected between a brick wall and a backup wall, comprising:
  - a. a plate adapted to be secured to the backup wall;
  - b. at least one fastener for securing the plate to the backup wall;
  - c. an elongated slot formed in the plate;

- d. a generally L-shaped tie adapted to be confined in the slot and movable back and forth therein, and wherein when the tie is confined within the elongated slot, the tie extends outwardly from the plate; ~~and~~
  - e. a series of triangular shaped spikes cut from the plate and bent outwardly from the plate such that each triangular shaped spike forms a triangular shaped opening in the plate and projects outwardly from the plate adjacent the triangular shaped opening formed in the plate by the spike;
  - f. wherein a portion of the plate is raised and wherein the slot is formed in the raised portion of the plate, the slot including a surrounding edge;
  - g. wherein the tie includes an inner end portion that includes a pair of opposed notches and wherein the tie is confined within the slot by inserting the inner end portion of the tie into the slot such that a portion of the surrounding edge of the slot extends into the notches, and wherein the inner end portion of the tie can be moved back and forth within the slot, and wherein the notches are configured such that by rotating the inner end portion of the tie, the tie can be removed from the slot; and
  - h. wherein the tie includes an intermediate portion that is turned with respect to the inner portion and where the tie includes an outer portion that is turned with respect to the intermediate portion.
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